# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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COLLECTION OF AGRICULTURE INFORMATION AND DATA
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the timely collection of agriculture related information and data and its dissemination through cyber space informatics tools will equip the Indian farmer better with favourable marketing strategies for domestic and external trade; and

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing various schemes and programmes for timely collection of data and information on different facets of agricultural sector such as crop acreage, production productivity, land use, land holding patterns, prices, market information, trade etc. These information are disseminated for wide utility in different modes which also includes the cyber space such as the web site of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. The web site address is http://www.agricoop.nic.in.

Under the Central Sector Scheme of Agricultural Marketing Information Network anationwide information network is being established for speed collection and dissemination of market information data for its efficient and timely utilization. The National Informatics Centre asa consultant on turnkey basis under the scheme, has developed Agmarknet portal www.agmarknet.nic.in and trained the officials from market committees in handling hardware and software. It is proposed to connect 710 important agricultural produce markets in the country by the end of the current financial year. Besides, agricultural produce markets, the State Agricultural Marketing Boards/Directorates have also been provided with computerconnectivity to facilitate smooth functioning of the information network. The data received from market committees is being displayed on the Agmarknet portal every day.

For export promotion, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export DevelopmentAuthority (APEDA) has setup its own web site www.apeda.com so as to put in place a mechanism for online information dissemination. The web site provides basic information about APEDA, list of products under its purview, a complete profile of all the products exported interms of quality and value, country profile and trade enquiries that are received in APEDA regular basis.